

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

SEP 26 2019

LSU GRADUATE COUNCIL

Date: 08/28/2019 Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Location: 135 Thomas Boyd Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Lockridge called the monthly meeting of the Graduate Council to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDEES

Name		Name		Name		Name	
Adams	P	Hamilton	A	Piccoli	P	Wicks	P
Cai	A	Husseneder	P	Pojman	P	Lee	P
Francis	A	Lockridge	P	Seifried	P	Richardson	P
Frick	P	Marchand	P	Sharky	A		
Gansle	A	Perry	P				

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The motion to approve the previous meeting minutes passed with no objections.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

Lockridge will send report to members by email.

Dean's Report

- Richardson announced that the Graduate Council is an elected body and now have authority to recommend new graduate policy to Academic Affairs.
- The Graduate Dean search should be completed by the end of the semester.
- The ESL external review is moving forward.
- The PS-21 revisions have been submitted to Academic Affairs.
- Several policies will be added to upcoming meeting agendas for review.
- Wicks asked members to volunteers to form ad-hoc committees to review graduate certificates and travel awards.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Change in Admission Requirements for Online MA in Education with a Specialization in Educational Technology

Paul Manthei, online coordinator for the MA in Education: Educational Technology, Carlos Lee (MA in Education: Higher Education), and Joy Blanchard (Masters in Education: Educational Leadership) requested to make GRE scores optional for admission to the masters' degrees with specializations in Higher Education, Educational Leadership, and

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Educational Technology. All of the other admission requirements for these three programs will remain the same. Blanchard stated students would have the option to submit scores if they believe it would enhance their application. Lee added that current data do not provide insight into the success/failure rate of new graduate students. Manthei, Lee, and Blanchard answered questions from the floor. There is currently no cap on the number of newly admitted students in either program.

Perry motioned that members could review the request for all three programs and vote via email. Marchand seconded it, and the motion carried with no abstentions.

**The request to make GRE scores optional for admission to the masters' degrees with specializations in Higher Education, Educational Leadership, and Educational Technology received a favorable amount of votes with one abstention.

Department of Experimental Statistics- PhD in Statistics

Allen Rutherford, Interim Department Head of Experimental Statistics, briefly spoke to Council members about the proposal to create a new Ph.D. in Experimental Statistics. An objective of this degree is to prepare students to meet the needs of business, industry, and academia in the statistical sciences and to provide an educated and market-ready workforce of statisticians for the economic development of Louisiana. In particular, the program will target statistics applied to the areas of industrial statistics and reliability in manufacturing and services; agricultural business; pharmaceuticals; and social science research. Rutherford believes this degree will also make LSU more competitive with other research-I institutions with the same degree program. This degree will add eight new courses but does not anticipate adding additional faculty. The faculty is committed to teaching these courses, in addition to their current course load.

Piccoli made a motion to approve the proposal, Perry seconded it, and the motion passed with one abstention.

Curriculum Change- Master of Business Administration

Associate Dean Helmut Schneider from the College of Business spoke presented a proposal to reduce number of hours in the part-time programs from 42 hours to 33 hours by deleting 9 hours of electives. He talked about the current decline in enrollment in full-time two-year MBA programs and how other forms of MBA programs have grown nationally. The MBA marketplace has become more competitive, and many programs have redesigned their curricula. Price and time for completion have become factors in applicants' decisions to enroll in a part-time MBA program. Schneider introduced Melanie Thompson and Charlotte Bencast, both from LSU Online. Thompson provided statistical data from other universities offering MBA programs with a smaller number of hours. She reiterated that the reduction in credit hours only applies to electives, not required courses. Bencast added that this change would prospective students more incentive to attend by saving them time and money.

Schneider addressed several concerns from Council members. He stated enrollment was higher at other universities due to lower cost and shorter time to complete all of the

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degree requirements. Schneider added that the low enrollment in elective courses makes them expensive to offer.

After more deliberation, Marchand made a motion to request that the department reformulate the justification to explain how the proposed change will maintain the academic quality of the degree and benefit students. Frick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Engineering Science/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering Information Technology & Engineering-Masters Concentration

This add concentration form and accompanying drop concentration form are being considered together. The College of Engineering and Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering are proposing moving the existing Engineering Science program's Information Technology & Engineering- Master concentration (ITEM) to be housed under the Industrial Engineering program. The focus of this concentration has been on the design and development of business and ecommerce information systems and on business analytics and data science to facilitate business decision-making, all core areas of industrial engineering (IE).

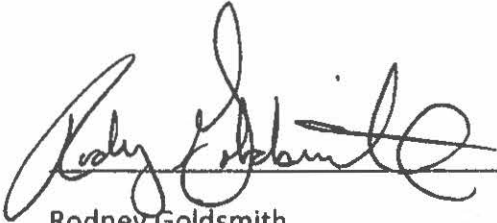
Seifried motioned to approve both proposals, Pojman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:34 PM

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
Oct 24, 2019	2:00 – 3:30 pm	135 Thomas Boyd Hall
Dec 2, 2019	2:00 – 3:30 pm	135 Thomas Boyd Hall

Recorded by:

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Rodney Goldsmith
Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:

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Malcolm Richardson
Interim Dean of the Graduate School